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Art Unit: 3653

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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a legible copy of the following relevant art along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 59-168589 published on September 22, 1984 by the Japanese Patent Office.

The above-identified prior art A, which is in Japanese, was cited in the Office Action issued on May 31, 2005 to the Japanese application No. 1999-071980, which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. patent application. A copy of the office action and an English translation thereof with a statement are enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(3), a concise explanation of the relevance of the above-identified prior art A is presented below:

The above-identified prior art A discloses an apparatus for inspecting authenticity of coins in which an exciting coil and a receiving coil are provided in the vicinity of a passage wall at one side of a coil passage to perform discriminations in authenticity of coins.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (d)(1), the required statement is present as follows:

Each item of information contained in the (present) information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the (present) information disclosure statement.

In addition, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (d)(2), our check for \$180.00 to cover the required fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

It is, therefore, hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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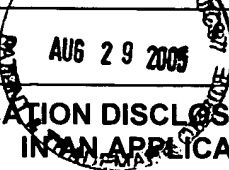
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